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BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition for Extended Area
Service from the Mayer Exchange to the
Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling
Area

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 6, 1993, the City of Mayer filed a petition seeking extended area service (EAS) to the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan calling area (the MCA). Mayer is served by GTE-Minnesota (GTE). The MCA is served by US WEST Communications, Inc. (US WEST), United Telephone Systems of the Midwest (United), GTE, Vista Telephone (Vista), Scott-Rice Telephone Company (Scott-Rice), and Eckles Telephone Company (Eckles).

On October 18, 1993, the Commission issued its ORDER REQUIRING COST STUDIES AND PROPOSED RATES. In that Order the Commission found that the petition met the adjacency and traffic volume requirements of Minn. Stat. § 237.161. The Commission ordered the telephone companies to file cost studies and proposed rates for future polling.

On February 7, 1994, the Commission issued its ORDER SETTING STIMULATION FACTOR AND GRANTING TIME EXTENSION. The Commission ordered the companies to refile cost studies and proposed rates using an adopted stimulation factor of 4 by March 24, 1994.

On March 22, 1994, GTE requested a time extension until April 29, 1994, in which to refile cost studies, proposed rates and its proposed lower-priced alternative. GTE explained that it needs to rerun its traffic data to meet US WEST's requirement to receive data by metro wire center. According to GTE, US WEST cannot adequately project its facility needs without receiving the data by wire center.

The matter came before the Commission for consideration on April 5, 1994.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that GTE's request for a time extension is reasonable and should be granted. The Commission finds further that all the involved companies should be granted a similar time extension. This will allow all companies to file complete and accurate data in a manner which is mutually compatible. The time delay should not harm any party. The Commission will grant the time extension for GTE and all telephone companies involved in this

proceeding.

ORDER

1. The Commission grants a time extension until April 29, 1994, for the refiling of cost studies, proposed rates and lower-priced alternatives by the following telephone companies: GTE; US WEST; United; Vista; Scott-Rice; and Eckles.
2. On or before June 13, 1994, the Department shall file its report and recommendation regarding the refilings. If the Department recommends changes, it shall provide rates reflecting the proposed changes.
3. Any party who wishes to file comments in response to the Department's report shall do so within 20 days of its filing.
4. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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